

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 23-24 and 26-29 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 2 are currently amended. Support for this amendment may be found, for example, on page 47, lines 5-16 of the specification.

Claim Rejections and Allowances

Claims 1-2 and 23-24 were rejected under 35 USC §102(e) as being anticipated by Mink, et al., US2004/0242808. Claims 1 and 23 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Chien, et al, *Macromolecules*, **30**, 3447-3458 (1997). Claims 1 and 23 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Lieber, et al, *Macromolecules*, **33**, 9192-9199 (2000). Claims 1 and 23 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Przybyla et al, *Acta Polymerica*, **50**, 77-83 (1999). These rejections are all respectfully traversed.

Claims 26-29 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 and 2 have been amended to include the catalyst structure as recited on page 47, lines 5-16 of the specification. None of the cited references teach or fairly suggest the use of this specific catalyst. The allowed claims 26-29 cite a catalyst structure wherein R²⁰ has been narrowed by the definition of Ar². Applicants therefore believe that the current set of claims is allowable and respectfully request that all rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, a Notice of Allowance for the remaining claims is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes it would be helpful, please contact the below signed Attorney at 979.238.7316.

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